

Coconino County'Weekly Highlights & Happenings' Friday, June 18, 2004

Workers Needed For Coconino County Horse Races!

The 4th of July Horse Races are fast approaching! Parks and Recreation is still looking for a few more people to work the pari-mutuel area on July 2-5, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Melissa Buchanan at 774-5139.

Freedom Shrine

The *Freedom Shrine*, once displayed in the 1950s lobby of the County Courthouse, is coming back to the newly restored 1894 Courthouse. Facilities Management staff and members of the Flagstaff Exchange Club are working together on the installation of the Freedom Shrine, which will be ready for viewing in July. It will be located in the jury assembly lobby and will include reproductions of inspiring documents from our Nation's history.

New Health Department Contracts

The Arizona Department of Health Services has awarded the Health Department two contracts. The first seeks to reduce deaths to women and children (age 0-8) caused by motor vehicle crashes. Specifically, this program will provide education and child safety seats, community child safety seat check up events, and a week-long workshop where participants from law enforcement, fire departments and health care providers will become certified as Child Safety Seat Technicians.

The second contract will promote healthy lifestyles to the residents of Williams. The Williams Community Health Project will work with health providers and other community resources (schools, civic organizations, etc.) to provide information about disease prevention. The program will focus on nutrition and physical activity education for individuals and families.

50s Plus Lifestyle Fair

On Saturday, June 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Health Department Home Health program staff will participate in the 50s Plus Lifestyle Fair at the NAU Dubois Center. Blood pressure and pulse oximetry screenings will be offered as well as information on Guardian Angel home monitoring units and general health information.

NACO Award

The Health Department was awarded a 2004 Achievement Award for its Food Safety and Backcountry Home Study Courses by the National Association of Counties (NACO). Since the program's inception in 1970, the non-competitive awards program has honored hundreds of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided better customer service, and developed a better-trained work force. The award winning programs have provided NACO members with an extensive database of successful county programs.

Pride in the Pines Festival

Health Department staff and volunteers hosted a booth at the Pride in the Pines Festival on Saturday, June 12. Forty-five HIV tests were provided, as well as information on safer sex, nutrition, and tobacco use.

Road Maintenance

Road Maintenance crews chip sealed the Public Works Sheep Hill parking lot this week. They will be on Lake Mary Road (FH3) next Monday through Wednesday and will then work on chip seal clean-up.

<u>KVID</u>

On Monday, June 21, KVID Water/Wastewater will begin work on the main supply line into Fort Tuthill. The three day project will include replacement of the meter and vault and installation of backflow devices. Water service to the park will be shut off most of the day on Wednesday, June 23.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

County officials and jurisdictions within the County have been working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the past several months. The plan must be in effect by November 1, 2004 to be eligible for federal pre-disaster mitigation grant funds and some post-disaster grant funds. Specific County department projects are now being compiled (such as flood control projects, vaccination mitigation projects, reverse 911, fuels reduction projects, Code & ordinance projects, etc.).

Any County department that has a project that might be eligible for future federal mitigation grant funding may submit a brief project description (with projected costs and completion dates) to Emergency Services Coordinator Jim Driscoll at jdriscoll@ccpw.us. The deadline for project submittal is **June 30, 2004**. To receive a copy of the Mitigation Plan Goals and Objectives, call Driscoll at 526-2735.

GIS Update

County employees can now access an **Online Training Request Form for GIS Internet Mapping Application** on cocoweb (under Departments/G.I.S. or at http://cocoweb/gis/training/).

This form can be used to schedule GIS training for groups or individual on-site training (at the user's site). Employees are encouraged to use this form to communicate their training needs for customized or comprehensive training in the use of GIS Internet Mapping Application. There is a section in the form to describe specific training needs. This form can also be used to request a refresher course by those who have already attended a prior training.

Recent Data Additions and Updates in GIS Internet Mapping Application include:

City of Flagstaff's Aerial Photos—Included within the *Aerial Photos* folder.

Soil Data—A Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO), developed by the USDA NRCS (US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service), has been added in a *SSURGO Soil Data* folder. The folder contains Hydrologic Group, Drainage Class, Rock Depth, and Soil Horizon Texture layers. A brief description of the database can be found under the Data Documentation link.

Parcel Update—Parcels for the majority of the City of Page area (Assessor Book 801) have been developed and incorporated in the GIS website.

Special Districts—A new *Special Districts* folder contains special district layers such as Fire Districts, Flood Districts, Water Districts and Sanitation Districts. Other special districts layers will be added soon.

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